

OUR Lady OF THE Angels PARISH

Chermside West Wavell Heights

St Gerard Majella
146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West

St Paschal Baylon
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

SUNDAY 30th July 2023 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

This weekend, the parables of the 'treasure hidden in a field, the pearl of a great value and the dragnet cast in the sea,' conclude the thirteenth chapter of the gospel of Matthew, which we have been reading and reflecting over the last three weekends.

The parables of the 'treasure hidden in a field and the pearl of a great value' can be classified as twin parables, which Jesus used to tell the story of the inestimable value and irresistible beauty of discovering and embracing the veracity of the existential reality of God.

In the ancient world, or in war torn countries and those frequently invaded by enemies, it was very common for people to store their precious possessions in the tombs, or in fields or caves as they fled from danger. When people buried their precious possessions in any of these places, they did so with the hope of coming back when it was safe to return and recover them. Unfortunately, it wasn't always the case. There was the inevitability of death; people were often killed - which also meant the death and disappearance of all knowledge of the hidden treasures. Therefore, while the first two parables may sound strange and even unusual due to the nature of modern banking systems, in Palestine during the time of Jesus, burying money and other valuable items in the ground was a common practice. People used the ground as the safest place to keep their most cherished items or belongings. We remember the parable of the servants where the man who got one talent decided to bury his talent in the ground lest he should lose it (Matt 25:25).

Thus, in the parables of the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of a great value, Jesus teaches on the boundless treasure of the kingdom of God. It is not as though He was just trying to identify or associate the kingdom of God with worldly riches and possessions. There is nothing in this world that matches the riches of the kingdom of heaven which are immeasurable and far superior to the most precious values in the world.

Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation- *Evangelii Gaudium* (the joy of the Gospel) said that: 'the joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus Christ. Those who accept Christ's offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew'. There is simply an undying joy and fulfilment associated with knowing Jesus Christ personally and intimately. Quite often people who do not understand Christianity wonder why we would give up sleeping in on Sunday morning to come to Mass. There might even be Catholics who are too busy to come Mass because they don't understand why they should sacrifice Sunday family breakfast or family time it. Human life stands or falls on the truth and the indisputable place God occupies in the larger scheme of our lives.

As Christians we may be prepared, to pay no less a price than everything as we strive every day to re-discover the inestimable value of having faith in God and doing all we can to nurture and live out our faith in our beautiful but often broken world.

Wishing you all a blessed new week ahead.

God bless you all,
Fr. John



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MASS TIMES

St Gerard Majella - 146 Maundrell Tce, Chermside West

Mon: 9.00am FRI: 9.00am

Sat 4:30pm Sun: 8:00am & 5:30pm

St Paschal Baylon - 30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

Wed: 8.45am (During School Term)

Thu: 9.00am Sat: 6:00pm Sun: 9:30am

RECONCILIATION is available after Parish Mass
Please approach Fr John

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Aussie Christmas in July

Thank you to everyone who attended the Aussie Christmas, especially those who crossed Gympie Road. A special thank you to Jan & Jack Bates and their backing group, who entertained us with fair dinkum Aussie Christmas songs.

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped set up and reset on Friday and Saturday, along with the new look in the church.

Joseph's surprise photography and the many raffle donations were greatly appreciated.

Please support the Brisbane City Pops Orchestra at St Paschal's on Friday 18th August for another great night in the Parish.

10 Year Anniversary

Next weekend we will be celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the Parish. We will have pre-dinner nibbles after 4.30pm Mass.

The celebrations will continue after 8.00am & 9.30am Mass with morning tea.

Please bring a plate to share.

Sacramental News

For students in year 3 or others not yet confirmed, the enrolment forms are available on our website, at Mass or from the school office. **Please get your enrolment forms into the office ASAP.**



ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

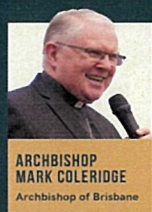
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The Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation exists to facilitate a deeper experience of God in the Catholic tradition. It provides four core modules in Catholic Foundations as well as supplementary guest lectures, short courses, retreats, and one off events.

When: 7pm, Mondays starting 21st August

Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary
(487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo)

Cost: Individual \$250 | \$150 pp for groups of 5+

Register at catholicformation.au

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings at 10:00am alternately at St Gerards' and St Paschals'. Bookings to be arranged in person at the Parish Office Monday - Friday between 9am - 3pm.

Please check the Parish website for documentation required when making a booking.

Baptism preparation sessions will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month at St Paschal's Church following a Welcome Mass at 9:30 a.m. During mass the family will be presented with their child(ren)'s Baptismal candle to keep for the day of their baptism.

Youth Mass

Youth Mass will be celebrated at St Paschal's at 9.30am on the **6th August 2023**. There will be a sausage sizzle fundraiser following the mass for the youth group.

Peter Kearney Concert Reflection

SIGNS of HOPE—People of Faith

Songs & Stories

Songs linked by stories and reflections about people whose faithful lives have brought compassion, hope and justice into our world.

Please join us on

Thursday 3rd August at 6.30pm

At St Paschal's Catholic Church

Donations Welcome.

Altar Servers

Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server please take a form from the front of the church.

Name Badges

Anyone needing a name badge please put your order in at the office. Cost—\$15.00

Stewardship

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

(Accessed on July 21, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

Cleaner Needed

Cleaner required 4 hrs per week to clean a 4 bedroom house. Contact Michelle Prentice on 31611647 or 0401 060 676.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Op Shop NEWS

All Op Shop Volunteers are invited to attend a meeting in the Church Hall on Wednesday 9th August at 2.00pm. Please write your name on the list in the Op Shop for afternoon tea catering purposes. Thank You.

RCIA Team

I am forming a new team of Parish volunteers (RCIA Team) to support adult enquirers in their spiritual journey towards joining the Catholic Church. If you are drawn towards sharing your giftedness in this vital ministry, please speak to me or email the Parish Office providing contact details and a brief outline of your personal background and I will contact you.

God Bless, Fr John

Youth Group NEWS

The youth group will be sending kids to the Ignite Conference coming up in September. This conference is a great opportunity for the young people in our community to experience faith and connect with other young Catholics.

Tickets to the conference cost \$325 so we are reaching out to ask parishioners if they could generously sponsor part of a ticket to make it more accessible for our youth to attend this event. Thank you for all the support the youth group has received over the last two years. If you would like to read more about the conference visit the website at:

<https://igniteconference.squarespace.com/>

Multicultural Mass 2023

Mass will be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow.

When: 2:30pm, Sunday 24th September 2023

Where: Cathedral of St Stephen (249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City)

RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23

Women's Retreat

How do women of faith remain in Jesus and bear fruit? By staying connected. In the midst of our fast-paced lives, it is crucial to carve out moments of stillness and create space to hear the whispers of God. This weekend retreat, facilitated by the team at Evangelisation Brisbane, will provide an opportunity to remain, abide and stay with God who created you and longs to spend time with you. When: 6pm Friday 8 September to 1pm Sunday 10 September

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston

Cost: \$425 live in/ \$230 live out

RSVP: Monday 4 September

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/abide23>



Register now for the National Conference on Liturgy and Liturgical Music to be held in Brisbane from 28-30 September. It is rare to have expert liturgists, liturgical musicians, and educators together in one place for three days of focussed input. In addition to 6 keynote presentations and over 50 workshops, there will be opportunities to engage in facilitated discussions, and to participate in the Conference Mass as well as Morning and Evening Prayer. visit <https://mysteryandmission.com.au/> to register.

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Salute to the Big Bands
Fantasia on Greensleeves
Titanic Medley

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Primary School Choir
Conducted by
Debra Todhunter

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST, 7PM

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30 Warraba Ave.
Wavell Heights

Tickets purchased at:
www.olaparishchermide.org.au
or contact the office
Ph: 33590239

Tickets - \$35 (inc. light supper) Tickets at the door if not previously sold out

www.bcpo.org.au

WE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Elizabeth Bannon, Joan Murphy, Juliana Barreto

Anniversaries: Please pray for Ines Dwyer, Kelvin McCourt, Frank Celledoni, Celine Fernandes, Antonio Cirsten and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

Sick: Please pray for Greg Kelly and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

6 August 2023 The TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-2, 5-6, 9

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
23/07/23	\$462.62	\$677.00	\$1904.80	\$3018.45

All donations are greatly appreciated

Regular Parish Activities

1st Friday: Adoration after 9.00am Mass St Gerards

2nd Friday: Anointing Mass 9.00am St Gerards

Rosary : before Friday Mass (but not during Lent)

: after Friday Mass

What's on this Week: 31 July - 4 Aug 2023

Mon 31/07 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm

Thurs 3/08 Thursday Ladies Group St G 10:00am

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